

Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee
Meeting – January 11, 2011
Mid-County Regional Center - 2424 Reddie Drive, Wheaton, MD 20902

<u>Members Present</u>	Ken Nelson, Jeannette Feldner; Marian Fryer, Tameka Lucas, Janet Yu, Linda Amendt, William Moore
<u>Members Absent</u>	Dan Somma, James Onder, Matt Barry
<u>Staff Present</u>	Natalie Cantor, Director, Mid-County Regional Center, Pete McGinnity, Wheaton Redevelopment Program, Sue Koronowski, Mid County Regional Center
<u>Guests</u>	Tom Martin, WRAC committee member; Taylor Brown, Wheaton Patch
<u>Call to Order</u>	Member Ken Nelson called meeting to order (in absence of Chair and Vice Chair) at 5:00 p.m.
<u>Motions</u>	<p>Approval of December meeting minutes: Ken Nelson 1st, Linda Amendt 2nd.</p> <p>Joint letter of unified support with WRAC on median treatment on Georgia Avenue @ Reddie Drive: Marian Fryer 1st, William Moore, 2nd</p>
<u>Action Items</u>	Committee requests Park Police to attend a future WUDAC meeting
<u>Reports</u>	<p>Director's Report: Parking Policy Study Stakeholders briefing to be held on January 20 from 3:00-4:30pm at the EOB.</p> <p>Costco gas station will reduce number of pumps from 16 to 8 pumps and will operate between 6am and 9pm. Application will go to the planning board on May 12, 2011. The Chamber supports the Costco application.</p> <p>Cmdr Damskey announced that crime had decreased significantly in all categories in the Wheaton CBD. Wheaton will receive 10 additional officers.</p> <p>Aggressive towing is on the rise. Next steps: Work with the police to re-educate business and property owners on the property towing protocol.</p> <p>Redevelopment Report:</p> <p>Sector plan work session (Dec 9): Westfield presented to the planning board its long term vision for the mall with more connectivity with downtown Wheaton. Discussion continued regarding various types of zoning (CRN vs CRT zoning).</p> <p>BF Saul met with WMATA engineers to come up with a concept plan for the bus bay area. BF Saul continues outreach with the community.</p> <p>1st Baptist Church is asking for a change in zoning that is compatible to building residential.</p>

Patriot Realty has finalized its transaction with Safeway.

Streetscape improvements completed on Elkin between University Blvd and Price Avenue.

Marketing Report: (Natalie Cantor on behalf of Sidney Cooper)
Flea market closed on the Safeway parking lot and will reopen in the Westfield North building parking lot in March 2011).

Design firm selected for Wheaton logo and website redesign

Event planning: Taste of Wheaton (May 15, 2011), World of Montgomery Festival (Oct 16, 2011)

Westfield: No report

Committee Reports

Business Outreach: Local First Wheaton is finalizing non-profit status and determining membership fees.

Announcements

The CE has made his decision on ways in which to curb panhandling in the area based on the options recommended by the Roadway Solicitation Report

Meeting Adjourned

6:05 pm